

We Claim:

1. A method for ordering web search results comprising the steps of:
a search engine returning an ordered results set for a search statement;
5 identifying the presence of a recurring search event in said results set;
if a recurring search event is present, then identifying a pattern from said results
set;
identifying related pages within the results set containing said pattern;
ranking said related pages; and
10 reordering said ordered set to place said related pages first.
2. The method of claim 1, including the further steps of:
identifying the presence of a point query in said search statement; and
if present, accepting said ordered results set.
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3. The method of claim 2, wherein a point query is identified by the presence of
keywords.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein said keywords include a form of alphanumeric
20 characters.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein said characters include four digits.
6. The method of claim 4, wherein said characters include Roman numerals.
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7. The method of claim 4, wherein said characters include a n^{th} sequence.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein said reordering step orders said related pages
relatively based on rank.
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9. The method of claim 1, wherein said ranking step includes determining the degree
of match of each web page of the results set with said pattern.

10. The method of claim 9, where the degree of match is based upon one or more of the title, snippet or entire content of said web page.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein said reordering is performed on the basis of time
5 such that the most recent web page appears first.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying a pattern includes setting an attribute, and searching for said attribute near to the occurrence of at least a part of said search statement in web pages of said results set.
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13. The method of claim 12, further including identifying equal incremental changes in said attribute in different web pages.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein said attribute is numeric.
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15. The method of claim 13, wherein said attribute is based on a representation of date, time or year.
16. The method of claim 12, wherein the nearness of an attribute is determined by a
20 separation of N words.
17. A method for ranking web search results comprising the steps of:
identifying the presence of a recurring search event in a results set for a
search statement;
25 identifying a pattern from said results set;
identifying related pages within the results set containing said pattern; and
ranking said related pages.
18. The method of claim 17, wherein said ranking step includes determining the
30 degree of match of each web page of the results set with said pattern.
19. The method of claim 17, wherein identifying a pattern includes setting an attribute, and searching for said attribute near to the occurrence of at least a part of said search statement in web pages of said results set.

20. A computer system for ordering web search results comprising:
an input interface receiving a user specified search statement;
a processor implementing a search engine to return an ordered set of search results
5 for said search statement, and further identifying the presence of a recurring search event
in said results set and if so, identifying a pattern from said results set, identifying related
pages within the results set containing said pattern, ranking said related pages, and
reordering said ordered set to place said related pages first; and
an output interface to output said reordered results set.
- 10 21. A computer program product comprising a computer program carried on a storage
medium, said computer program comprising:
a pattern finding code element for identifying the presence of a recurring search
event in a results set for a search statement;
15 identifying a pattern from said results set, and identifying related pages within the
results set containing said pattern; and
a pattern ranking agent code element for ranking said related pages.
22. The computer program product of claim 21, wherein said pattern ranking agent
20 code determines the degree of match of each web page of the results set with said pattern.
23. The computer program product of claim 21, wherein said computer program
further includes a query characterizer code element for identifying the presence of a point
query in said search statement, and if present, bypassing said pattern finding code element.
- 25 24. The computer program product of claim 21, wherein said computer program
further includes a search engine code element for generating said results set.
25. The computer program product of claim 21, wherein said computer program
30 further includes an ordering agent code element for ordering said results set such that said
related pages come before non-related pages.